

## **WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL**

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Keith Burdette  
Elaine Harris  
Jeff Forbes  
Lee Fisher  
Jimmy Gianato  
Dr. Jan Fox  
Erica Mani

Additional participants:

Andrea Rayl  
Chris Clark  
Dan O'Hanlon  
Jonathan Cauldwell (via phone)  
Greg Florence  
Larry Malone  
George Hohman  
Hoy Murphy  
Phil Weikel  
Dan Page  
Tim Enderlein  
Rob Sterner  
Jon Dunlap  
Kevin Lazor  
Robert Jefferies  
Jim Martin  
Mike Hohn  
Mark Holmes  
Mike Friloux  
Vicki Allen  
Paul Miller  
Billy Jack Greg  
Scott Cosco  
Dana Waldo  
Mike Tedorovich  
Tom Susman

Tony Siemental  
Eric Eyre  
Joe Starsick

After a quorum was established, Chair Burdette welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

## Business

Chair Burdette asked for the approval of the minutes from the March meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

## Other Business

Chair Burdette welcomed and gave some background information on, Jeff Forbes, a newly appointed member of the Council.

Colonel Tedorovich gave the Council a financial update; he stated that there is around \$4.4 million in the account for grants.

Chair Burdette announced that he would be stepping aside from the Council to avoid any potential conflicts of interest while the Council awards grants. Chair Burdette named Judge Dan O'Hanlon as his designee. Secretary Burdette turned the meeting over to Chair O'Hanlon.

Chair O'Hanlon provided the Council with an overview of the grant application process and a draft of an application. The Chair stated that the code was extremely detailed in what applicants would have to provide to be considered for a grant. The Council is permitted to promulgate emergency rules which may be used to lessen the requirements or the Council could ask the Legislature during the August Special Session to rewrite the code. Elaine Harris, seconded by Dr. Fox, made the motion to go back to the legislature as soon as feasible and ask to have the code rewritten.

Since he was named a Chair of the Council, Judge O'Hanlon turned over his duties as Chair of the Grant Application Committee to Lee Fisher.

Chair O'Hanlon set dates the following dates for the Council to meet:

June 15  
July 13  
August 3  
September 14  
October 13  
November 16  
December 14  
January 10, 2012

All meetings will be held at 9am in Building 6, Room 6A.

## **Presentations**

West Virginia's Broadband Map Website was launched this morning and Mike Hohn and Tony Siemental explained the features of the website to the Council. This website can be accessed at [www.wvbroadbandmap.org](http://www.wvbroadbandmap.org) or through the WV Department of Commerce's website. The website will allow users to input their address to see which, if any, providers serve their particular area with links to those providers to get more information on services available. Users are also able to look at state maps and toggle on/off different layers to see different data for the state as a whole. There is also a feature to allow users to provide feedback to the team.

Larry Malone and Dr. Jan Fox presented on behalf of Telehealth Alliance. The Alliance was formed in 2007 in response to a grant received from FCC as part of the rural health care pilot project to improve telehealth in West Virginia. The first project the Alliance completed is a metro fiber project that involved Marshall University, Marshall's School of Medicine, Cabell-Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center. This project will provide advanced broadband interconnection among these institutions for the exchange of health information and health education purposes; will allow rural health centers added remote access capabilities (via telehealth) to the physicians and specialists at these interconnected organizations and will provide a fiber connection point to bring Internet2 service into the state, particularly into southern and central West Virginia.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be noticed for June 15, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.